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1. [REDACTED] Talked to William Timmons, Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, regarding S. 782 (Ervin bill) and explained our concern. I said I would send over background material providing additional details. Timmons said he would be glad to have his staff review the matter and would let us know the results.

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2. [REDACTED] Discussed the S. 782 problem with Roger Jones, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, who said he would pass the word to the Legislative Reference staff of the Bureau not to raise any objections to our proposed letter to Chairman Henderson without clearing it with Jones. Jones was not aware that the bill had passed the Senate.

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3. [REDACTED] Discussed S. 782 with Ken Belieu, Deputy Assistant to the President for Senate Relations, who was not aware that the bill had passed the Senate but recalled our earlier conversations on the matter and said he would discuss it with William Timmons.

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4. [REDACTED] Called Wilfred Rommel, Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, re S. 782 and explained that we were sending over today a proposed letter to Chairman Henderson with supporting material which we hoped would receive prompt attention. Rommel, who was not aware that the bill had passed the Senate, said he would follow up as soon as the material arrived.

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5. [REDACTED] Made appointments with Representatives H. R. Gross, Lee Hamilton, Edward Derwinski and Richard White, of the House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, to explain our problems with S. 782.

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6. [REDACTED] John Clarke, D/OPPB, and I had a follow-up meeting with Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to provide him with further detail on proposed activities [REDACTED] Laos (see Mr. Clarke's Memorandum for the Record for details).

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Follow-On Meeting with Edward Braswell, Chief Clerk,  
Senate Armed Services Appropriation Committee

25X1 1. [REDACTED] and the undersigned met again this date in follow-on  
session with Mr. Braswell.

2. I explained that on further thought about our earlier discussion,  
I was not satisfied that we had been much help to him. I asked whether  
more specific discussion of current Agency involvement would be  
helpful. Mr. Braswell stated it would. I explained that Agency

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4. We then discussed alternative funding sources ranging from  
[REDACTED] Braswell advised that he was

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not optimistic about the flexibility offered by the Foreign Assistance Act but observed that this was not of direct concern to the Armed Services Committee.

5. Mr. Braswell indicated he appreciated the precise fill-in on Agency involvements. He advised that Mr. Stennis had about decided to go along with the language used last year in the authorization bill in the hope that matters arising on the floor would not alter that language materially or in any restrictive fashion.

(Signed) John M. Clarke

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